

DIONYSIUS OF HALICARNASSUS AND AUGUSTAN ROME

The Greek author Dionysius of Halicarnassus came to Rome in 30/29 BC. He learnt Latin, developed a network of students, patrons and colleagues, and started to teach rhetoric. He published a history of early Rome (*Roman Antiquities*), and essays on rhetoric and literary criticism, including *On the Ancient Orators, On Composition*, and several letters. This volume examines how Dionysius' critical and rhetorical works are connected with his history of Rome, and the complex ways in which both components of this dual project – rhetorical criticism and historiography – fit into the social, intellectual, literary, cultural and political world of Rome under Augustus. How does Dionysius' interpretation of the earliest Romans resonate with the political reality of the Principate? And how do his views relate to those of Cicero, Livy and Horace? This volume casts new light on ancient rhetoric, literary criticism, historiography and the literary culture of Augustan Rome.

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Amm. 1	Epistula ad Ammaeum I	First Letter to Ammaeus
Amm. 2	Épistula ad Ammaeum II	Second Letter to Ammaeus
Ant. Rom.	Antiquitates Romanae	Roman Antiquities
Comp.	De compositione verborum	On Composition
Dem.	De Demosthene	On Demosthenes
Din.	De Dinarcho	On Dinarchus
Imit.	De imitatione	On Imitation
Is.	De Isaeo	On Isaeus
Isoc.	De Isocrate	On Isocrates
Lys.	De Lysia	On Lysias
Örat. Vett.	De oratoribus veteribus	Preface to On the Ancient Orators
Pomp.	Epistula ad Pompeium	Letter to Pompeius
Thuc.	De Thucydide	On Thucydides